

1953

ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	John A. Wirkkala
Town Clerk	Elsie M. Barton
Treasurer	Elsie M. Barton
Selectman	Harold E. Starkey
Selectman	Harry F. Hanson
Selectman	John A. Wirkkala
Tax Collector	Elmer P. Flint
Road Agent	John Pasonen
Police	James E. Allen
Fire Warden	Lucius H. Nichols
Deputy	George L. Richardson
Deputy	Herbert C. Hartwell, Sr.
Deputy	Herbert C. Hartwell, Jr.
Deputy	Lawrence S. Hodgman
Deputy	John Wirkkala
Deputy	Harris H. Nichols
Fire Chief	Hubert C. Hartwell, Jr.
Supervisor	Harold B. Nichols
Supervisor	George L. Richardson
Supervisor	Herbert C. Hartwell, Jr.
Auditor	Horace M. Cragin
Sexton	Harris Nichols

TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Union Hall in said Lempster, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing and to vote on the following question: "Shall the provisions of Chapter 171-A of the Revised Laws relative to playing games of Beano be adopted in this Town?"

Article 2. To hear all reports and act thereon.

Article 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Article 4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to keep the Common mowed around the Soldiers' monument at Lempster Street.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to deliver blank inventories at the time they appraise the property for taxation.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to reinsure the Town Hall and Union Hall.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Home Day and Memorial Day.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Library.

Article 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for the Town in anticipation of taxes

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to limit the Road Agent to the appropriations.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Old Age Assistance and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to receive sealed bids for mowing roadsides; a separate bid to be sent for each District.

Article 13. To see what sum per hour the Town will vote to pay for labor on the highway

Article 14. To see what action the Town will vote to take to continue the Town Forest Committee and take any necessary action thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$558.27 for Town Road Aid. The State will contribute \$3,721.82.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote, where the balance of the 1954 T. R. A. money should be spent, after the Sand Pond road is completed as voted at the 1953 Town Meeting.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$402.00 for State Aid Construction.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Town Poor and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Civil Defense.

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to keep the information booth open from June 25 to Sept. 7, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to sell the old Town Hearse.

Article 22. To see what action the Town might take or suggest to assure the sick on town of Doctor's services when needed.

Article 23. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate, acquired by Tax collector's deed; said authority to continue in effect until next Town Meeting.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept \$2,000.00 in trust as provided in the will of the late Joe W. Bean for the following purposes: the income to be used for the care and upkeep of the Bean (Joe and Abram) lot and the Phineas Richardson lot in the cemetery at East Lempster, New Hampshire and for the care and upkeep of the grounds around the Soldiers' Monument (or common) at East Lempster.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept \$500.00 from James McV. Breed, as a trust fund, the interest to be used for the care of the Gilman Breed Lot in the Cemetery at East Lempster, N. H

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept \$300.00 in trust from the Estate of Rosa M. Schrenk, the interest to be used for the care of the Schrenk Lot.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundredth of one percent of the assessed valuation of the Town of Lempster for the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Association for the purpose of promoting and publicizing the natural advantages of the town together with other towns in the region, the sum of \$28.87.

Article 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Fire Company.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$400.00 for White Pine Blister Rust.

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will raise for the preservation of the Town Records.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the town the benefits of Title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the Town's share of the cost thereof.

Article 32. If the foregoing article is adopted: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New

Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

Article 34. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to secure the assistance of the State Tax Commission in re-appraising the taxable property in the Town in order to secure greater equality as between taxpayers, and to insure the assessment of all property in the town on the same standard of value, and to raise and appropriate money to pay for the same.

Article 35. To see if the voters would have all articles in the warrant put on the ballot for final vote.

Article 36. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

HAROLD E. STARKEY

HARRY F. HANSON

JOHN A. WIRKKALA

Selectmen of Lempster

A True Copy of Warrant, Attest:

HAROLD E. STARKEY

HARRY F. HANSON

JOHN A. WIRKKALA

Selectmen of Lempster

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LEMPSTER

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	52.71	49.05	49.05
Bounties	35.00	35.00	111.25
Savings Bank Tax	20.69	19.76	19.76
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	150.00		60.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		103.08	
Road Toll Refund	40.00	5.00	5.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance		27.15	
Class V Highways	2,300.00	3,047.30	3,047.30
From Local Sources			
Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	150.00	150.80	150.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings		22.00	20.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	216.00	275.00	250.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees 1952		10.77	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees 1953	1,050.00	1,085.61	1,100.00
From Local Taxes other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @\$2	250.00	212.00	250.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00	15.00	15.00
Total Revenue from all Sources Except Property Taxes			5,077.36
Amt. to be raised by Property Taxes			16,530.18
Total Revenue			21,607.54

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Year	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year
	1953	1953	1954
<i>Current Maintenance:</i>			
<i>Expenses</i>			
General Government:			
*Town Officers' Salaries		1,232.71	1,232.71
*Town Officers' Expenses		479.28	475.00
*Election & Registration Expenses		82.96	125.00
Town Charges	4,500.00		
*Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.		167.07	160.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
*Police Department		34.50	35.00
Fire Department	200.00	2,047.12	200.00
Moth Extermination—			
Blister Rust	200.00	200.00	200.00
Bounties		111.25	111.25
Civil Defense		20.00	20.00
Health:			
*Vital Statistics		17.50	17.50
*Town Dump and Garbage Removal			25.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer		3,484.97	3,400.00
Town Maintenance—Winter		1,331.00	1,400.00
Tractor and Scraping		591.85	300.00
Town Road Aid	549.65	549.65	549.65
Libraries	50.00	50.00	50.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	500.00	509.06	500.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00	311.01	500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Old Home Day	30.00	30.00	30.00

Recreation:			
Common	15.00	15.00	15.00
Public Service Enterprises			
*Cemeteries		89.16	100.00
Unclassified:			
Adverting and Regional Associations	28.47	28.47	28.47
Highways and Bridges:			
Bridges and Culverts	765.32	795.05	500.00
State Aid Construction	402.00		402.00
Cabinet for Town Records		71.19	
Tax Bought by Town		364.88	
Yield Tax		1.08	
Payment on Principal Of Debt:			
Bank Service Charge		3.09	4.00
<i>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:</i>			
County Taxes		1,226.96	1,226.96
School Taxes		9,813.85	10,000.00
Total Expenditures			\$21,607.54

*Total estimated "Revenue from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY		GROSS VALUATION
Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)		\$ 283,745
Electric Plants		12,354
Horses, Asses and Mules	34	2,040
Cows	59	5,900
Other Neat Stock	13	975
Sheep and Goat	12	140
Fowls	385	468
Portable Mills		500
Wood, Lumber, etc.		3,603
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	7	935
Stock in Trade		1,550
Mills and Machinery		350
TOTAL GROSS VALUATION		
BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED		\$ 312,560
LESS: SOLDIERS' EXEMPTIONS		
AND EXEMPTIONS TO BLIND		23,850
NET VALUATION ON WHICH		
TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		288,710

ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITY COMPANIES

Name of Company		Electric Plant
Public Service Co. of N. H.		\$ 1,032
N. H. Electric Coop. Inc.		11,322
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		\$ 12,354
Amount of Property valuation		
Exempted to Veterans		\$ 23,850
Number of inventories distributed	213	
Number of inventories returned	118	
Number of veterans who received property exemption	27	
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	33	

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HAROLD E. STARKEY
HARRY F. HANSON
JOHN A. WIRKKALA
Selectmen of Lempster

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND TAXES
ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1953**

Town Officers Salraies	\$ 4,500.00
Fire Department	200.00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination	200.00
State Aid Construction	402.00
Town Road Aid	549.65
Town Maintenance	1,947.00
Town Records	100.00
Libraries	50.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00
Public Relief	500.00
Memorial Day & Old Home Day	30.00
Parks & Playgrounds	15.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	28.47
County Tax	1,226.96
School Tax	8,813.85
Capital Reserve Fund	500.00

Total Town and School Approp.	\$ 19,562.93
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Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 48.70
Savings Bank Tax	20.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	70.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of growing wood and timber	1,521.05
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,000.00
Dog Licenses	150.00
Interest on Taxes and Income	175.00

Total Revenues and Credits	2,984.75
	16,578.18

Plus Overlay	127.55
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Net Amt. to be raised by Taxation	16,705.72
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Less: 146 Poll Taxes \$2.00	292.00
National Bank Stock Tax	15.00
	307.00

Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	16,398.73
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Taxes Committed to Collector

Property Taxes	\$ 16,398.73
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	292.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00

Total Taxes Committed	\$ 16,705.73
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Tax Rates	\$	5.68
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HAROLD E. STARKEY

HARRY F. HANSON

JOHN A WIRKKALA

Selectmen

FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS

Cash in hands of Treas.	\$ 5,016.64
Accounts due to town	
Fire Bill	154.61
Hedgehog Bounties	111.25
Reimbursement on Forest Lands	70.27
Unredeemed Taxes, tax sale of	
Levy of 1952	97.95
Levy of 1951	364.73
Uncollected Taxes: Levy of 1953	5,139.64
Levy of 1952	13.93
Levy of 1951	170.82
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1953	280.00
State Head Taxes Previous Years	5.00
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Total Assets	11,424.84
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Grand Total	11,424.84
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1952	6,474.97
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1953	7,666.22
Increase of Surplus	1,191.25

LIABILITIES

Trust Fund	300.00
Records Approx. Balance	28.81
Cemetery Appropriation	200.00
Long Pond	539.69
Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	587.73
Bal. Old Age Assistance Appro.	188.99
State Head Taxes—1953	280.00
Unexpended Bal. in Town Treasury	1,633.50
Total Liabilities	3,758.62
Surplus	7,666.22
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Grand Total	11,424.84

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, current Year—1953	11,716.50	
Poll Taxes, current year @ \$2	212.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00	
Yield Taxes	612.55	
State Head Taxes @ \$5	605.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		13,161.05
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes Previous Years		5,326.17
Poll Taxes—Previous Years Regular @ \$2		70.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5 Prev. Years		185.00
Interest received on Taxes		200.75
Penalties on State Head Taxes		21.00
Tax sales redeemed		384.43

From State:

School Rent		2.41
For Class V. Highway maint.	3,047.30	
Road Toll Rebate	5.00	
Interest and dividend tax	49.05	
Blister Rust Refund	.40	
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Laon Association Tax	19.76	
Head Tax Refund	31.05	
Fighting forest fires	103.08	
Bounties	35.00	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assist.	27.15	

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	150.80	
Rent of town property	22.00	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1952 Permits	10.77	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 Permits	1,085.61	

Total Current Revenue Receipts		23,937.78
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**Receipts Other than Current
Revenue:**

Acworth Fire Bill	1,589.43	
Yield Tax	1.08	
New Trust Funds rec. during year	300.00	
Refund Town Poor	15.00	
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		1,905.51
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Cash on hand January 1, 1953	3,592.09	25,843.29
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Grand Total		29,435.38

PAYMENTS**Current Maintenance Expenses:****General Government:**

Town Officer's Salaries	1,232.71
Town Officer's expenses	479.28
Election and registration expenses	82.96
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	167.07

Protection of Persons and Property

Police department	34.50
Fire department, incl. forest fires	2,047.12
Moth extermination—Blister Rust	200.00
Bounties	111.25
Civil Defense	20.00

Health:

Vital statistics	17.50
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Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	549.65
Town Maintenance	4,815.97
Bridges and Culverts	795.05
Tractor and Scraper Exp.	591.85

Libraries:	50.00
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Public Welfare:

Old Age assistance	311.01
Town poor	509.06

Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day & Old Home Day	30.00
Recreation: — Common	15.00
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	89.16
Total Payments	12,149.14
Unclassified:	
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	28.47
Taxes bought by town	364.88
Yield Tax	1.08
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses	394.43
Outlay for New Const., Equip. and Permanent Improvements:	
Cabinet for Town Records	71.19
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Total Outlay Payments	71.19
Payments to Other Gov. Divisions:	
State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	759.27
Taxes paid to County	1,226.96
Bank Service Charge	3.90
Payments to School Districts	9,813.85
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Total Payments to Other Gov. Div.	11,803.98
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Total Payments for all Purposes	24,418.74
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	5,016.64
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Should equal this Grand Total	29,435.38

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	4,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	400.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	1,000.00
Highway Dept., Lands and Bldg.	300.00
Equipment	3,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	4,000.00
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Total	\$ 12,900.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Auto Tax, 1952	10.77	
Auto Tax, 1953	1,085.61	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,096.38
Dog Tax, 1952		
1 female	5.00	
1 Male	2.00	
Dog Tax, 1953		
29 males	58.00	
10 females	50.00	
14 spayed females	28.00	
1 kennel License	12.00	
14 Penalties	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 162.00
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		\$ 1,258.38
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PAYMENTS

Elsie M. Barton, Treas.		
Auto Tax, 1952	10.77	
Auto Tax, 1953	1,085.61	
Dog Tax, 1952	6.60	
Dog Tax, 1953	144.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,247.18
Elsie M. Barton, Clerk		
56 fees@ .20		11.20
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		\$ 1,258.38
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ELSIE M. BARTON,
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 3,592.09
Elsie M. Barton, Town Clerk	
1952 Auto & Dog Tax	17.37
1953 Auto & Dog Tax	1,229.81
	<hr/> 1,247.18
Treas. State of New Hampshire	
Refunds: Hedgehog Bounties	35.00
Old Age Assistance, Sara Daniel Est.	27.15
White Blister Rust	.40
Head Tax	31.05
40% refund Grantham Fire Bill	103.08
Class V Highways	3,047.30
Interest & Dividend Tax	49.05
Road Toll Rebate	5.00
Savings Bank Tax	19.76
	<hr/> 3,317.79
Town of Acworth, Fire Bill	1,589.43
Hooper * Douglass Post, rent of hall	22.00
Howard H. Schrenck, Admin., trust fund for Rosa Schrenck lot	300.00
Fred L. Zurek, tax on 69 trees	1.08
H. C. Hartwell, O. of P. refund, Mrs. Schillings	15.00
Elmer P. Flint, Coll. 1953 Property	11,716.50
Polls	212.00
Head Tax	605.00
Yield Tax	612.55
Penalty	2.50
National Bank Stock Tax	15.00
Interest	.63
School Rent	2.41
	<hr/> 13,166.59
1952 Property	5,165.35
Poll	70.00
Head Tax	185.00
Penalty	18.50
Yield	95.19
Interest	164.20
Tax Sale Redeemed	182.48
Costs	21.15

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1951 Tax Sale Redeemed	200.05	
Costs & Interest on Redeemed	12.70	
Property	65.63	
Interest	3.97	
	<hr/>	282.35
Total Receipts for Year		<hr/> 29,435.38
Total Payments per order of		
Selectmen and Bank Service		
Charge of \$3.90		24,418.74
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Balance in Treas. Jan. 1, 1954	\$	5,016.64

ELSIE M. BARTON, Treas.

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	1,232.71	
Town Officers' Expenses	479.28	
Election & Registration Expense	82.96	
Town & Union Hall Expense	16707	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,962.02

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police	34.50	
Fire Co.	200.00	
Fire Warden	1,847.12	
Civilian Defense	20.00	
Blister Rust	200.00	
Hedgehog Bounties	111.25	
Cabinet	71.19	
	<hr/>	2,484.06

Health:

Vital Statistics		17.50
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Highway & Bridges:

Town Maintenance	1,497.28	
T. R. A.	549.65	
Snow Removal	516.25	
Bridges & Culverts	795.05	

Gas Money:

Mowing Roadsides	\$ 620.40	
Sanding	647.70	
Sand Pile	113.85	
Snow Fence	53.20	
Town Road	1,367.29	
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		6,160.67

Library:

		50.00
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Public Welfare Department

Old Age Assistance	311.01	
Town Poor	509.06	
	<hr/>	820.07

Patriotic Purposes

Old Home Day	15.00	
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Memorial Day	15.00	
Common at Lempster St.	15.00	
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Public Service Enterprise:		
Cemeteries		89.16
Unclassified		365.96
Other Govenmental Division:		
School Treas.	9,813.85	
State Treas., Head Tax	759.27	
County Treas.	1,226.96	
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Reg.	28.47	
	<hr/>	11,828.55
Other Highway Expenses:		
Tractor, labor, & repair	433.65	
Gas for Tractor	97.94	
General Expense	60.26	
	<hr/>	591.95
Total Expenses per Selectmen's orders		24,414.84
Bank Service Charge		3.90
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Grand Total		24,418.74

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Harold E. Starkey, Selectman	\$ 200.00
Harry F. Hanson, Selectman	150.00
John A. Wirkkala, Selectman	150.00
Elsie M. Barton, Treasurer	50.00
Elsie M. Barton, Town Clerk	70.00
Hubert Hartwell, Sr., Overseer of Poor	25.00
Elsie M. Barton, permit fees	98.00
Elmer P. Flint, Coll. commissions, 1953 tax	331.65
Elmer P. Flint, Coll. commissions, 1952 tax	141.32
Elmer P. Flint, Coll. commissions, 1951 tax	1.74
Horace Cragin, Auditor	15.00
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	\$ 1,232.71

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Mosher Press, printing Town reports	256.40
Harold Starkey, postage	4.67
Harry Hanson, notices to mortgagees	1.50
Elsie M. Barton, postage & envelopes for town reports	10.73
Elsie M. Barton, stamped envelopes for Selectmen's inventories sent to non-residents	6.34
Kenneth Andler, retainer fee	15.00
Hubert Hartwell, Sr., stamps & envelopes	1.33
Brown & Satmarsh, officer's supplies	37.17
Charles Hardy, Clerk's Assoc. dues	2.00
Assoc. of N. H. Assessors, dues	3.00
Horace M. Cragin, auditors supplies & envelopes	1.85
Branham Printing Co., auto reference book	4.07
Edson C. Eastman, 75 dog tags	6.05
Harry Hanson, rubber stamp & letters	3.50
Gauthier & Woodard, bonds	37.40
D. L. Garrison, reference book	7.00
Sargent Brothers, tax bills	15.15
N. H. Collectors Assoc., dues	3.00
Elsie M. Barton, envelopes & stationery	6.90
The Barrett Press, Selectmen letterheads and envelopes	9.25
Tony Russell, transfer papers	7.92
John Pasonen, 2 s.p. shovels	6.00

Elsie M. Barton, recording	9.90
E. P. Flint, recording real estate	.75
E. P. Flint, expenses of tax sale	14.40
E. P. Flint, postage	8.00
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	479.28

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSE

Supervisors:		
Hubert Hartwell, Jr.	\$	8.00
George Richardson		6.00
Harold Nichols		8.00
Ballot Clerks:		
Hubert Hartwell, Sr.		2.00
Hugh Pollard		2.00
Elmer Flint		2.00
Carl Rudenfeldt		2.00
John Wirkkala, Moderator		5.00
Rowell Bros., material for voting booths		25.46
Carl Rudenfeldt, building booths		22.50
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	\$	82.96

TOWN HALL & UNION HALL EXPENSES

Evelyn Thurber, Janitor	10.00
Harold Nichols, Janitor	10.96
Edward Howard, 1/2 cord wood, E. Lempster	10.00
Harold Nichols, electricity, E. Lempster	15.99
Lucius H. Nichols, 1 cord wood	20.00
James Melville, Boys Scouts cleaning grounds around hall at Lempster St.	5.00
Havens Insurance Agency	21.07
Maurice Boomhower, cleaning vault	6.00
Lindholm & Sons, paint for town hall	31.00
Carl Rudenfeldt, putting stone under Town Hall	6.25
N. H. Electric Coop. lights for Union Hall	24.00
John Pasonen, gravel for Town Hall, 2 hrs.	5.00
John Pasonen, labor shoveling gravel at Town Hall	1.80
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	\$ 167.07

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

James Allen, Police services	\$ 34.50
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Horace M. Cragin, Treas. Fire Co. appropriation	200.00
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FIRE WARDENS

Lucius H. Nichols, Fire Warden	
Acworth Fire Bill	\$ 1,589.43
Grantham Fire Bill	257.69
	\$ 1,847.12

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Harry F. Hanson, Civilian Defense	20.00
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WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST

William H. Messeck, Jr., State Forester, White Pine Blister Rust appropriation	200.00
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HEDGEHOG BOUNTIES

Harold Starkey	8.50
Harry Hanson	28.00
John Wirkkala	74.75
	\$ 111.25
Record Cabinet in Union Hall	
Carl Rudenfeldt, labor & material	71.19

HEALTH

Elsie M. Barton, Vital Statistics	17.50
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LIBRARY

Elsie M. Barton, Trustee, appropriation	50.00
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PUBLIC WELFARE DEPT.

State of N. H., Old Age Assistance	311.01
Town Poor:	
Flora Wilbur	447.39
Mrs. Schillings	61.67
	820.07

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Clifford, Sawyer, Memorial Day appropriation	15.00
James Drew, Old Home Day appropriation	15.00
Larry Drew, mowing Common at Lempster St.	15.00
	\$ 45.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE

James Drew, painting sign for cemetery	\$	12.00
Stephen Allen, labor mowing cemetery		20.00
Harris Nichols, opening graves for Mrs. Flint, and Chester Wheeler		24.00
James Allen, mowing cemetery		15.00
John Sarsfield, mowing cemetery		8.75
Carl Rudenfeldt, material for sign		9.41
	\$	89.16

UNCLASSIFIED

E. P. Flint, Yield Tax	\$	1.08
E. P. Flint, Coll, Taxes sold to Town		364.88
	\$	365.96

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVENMENTAL DIVISIONS

Treas. State of N. H., 1952 Head Tax	\$	204.72
Treas. State of N. H., 1953 Head Tax		554.55
Harold Nichols, School Treas. appropriation		9,813.85
Merton Sargent, County Treas, Tax		1,226.96
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region		28.47
	\$	11,828.55

HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES TOWN MAINTENANCE

John Pasonen, payrolls	\$	1,352.80
Town of Newport, man & compressor		56.25
V. H. Pollard, dynamite		22.05
Treas. State of N. H., state grader		46.98
Perley Whipple, work in road with horses		19.20
	\$	1,497.28

TOWN ROAD AID

State of N. H., appropriation	549.65
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SNOW REMOVAL

Hubert Hartwell, Sr.	\$	290.25
Edward Howard		5.00

Stanley Loring	15.00
Hubert Hartwell, Jr.	182.00
John Fellows	24.00

\$ 516.25

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

New England Metal Culvert Co.	265.28
John Pasonen, payrolls	529.77

\$ 795.05

MOWING ROADSIDES

Bruce Nichols	40.00
Hubert Hartwell, Sr.	45.00
Clarence Whipple, mowing Mt. road	90.00
John Pasonen, mowing Gallup road	50.00
John Pasonen, payroll	104.40
James Allen, mowing Lovejoy road	51.00
Harold Starkey	60.00
James Allen	70.00
James Allen, mowing Lovejoy road	54.00
E. P. Flint	50.00
Harold Starkey, mowing from Gallup farm to Unity line	6.00

\$ 620.40

SANDING

John Pasonen, payrolls	647.70
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SAND PILE

John Pasonen, payroll	39.45
Merrimack Farmer's Exchange	74.40

\$ 761.55

SNOW FENCE

John Pasonen, payroll	53.20
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GAS MONEY, ROAD WORK

John Pasonen, payrolls	\$ 1,286.25
State of N. H., gravel	81.04

\$ 1,367.29

TRACTOR REPAIR

Hubert Hartwell, Jr., labor	134.56
Hill-Martin Corp. tractor parts	156.98
Silsby & Johnson, bolts	3.87
John Pasonen, payrolls	114.80
John Pasonen, bolts	.49
Gardner's Welding	20.75
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., track rolls	2.20
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\$	433.65

GAS AND TRACTOR

Hubert Hartwell, Jr.	49.32
John Pasonen, 1 gal. preston	3.75
John Pasonen, 5 gal. gas. for tractor	1.50
B. W. Richards	9.28
Richardson's Gas Station	13.40
Mrs. C. McAfee	20.69
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\$	97.94

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE

Marshall K. Olds, sawing logs & scoot runners	49.30
John Pasonen, nuts for grader & scoot	4.61
Gardner's Welding, building up teeth for grader	6.35
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\$	60.26

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Elmer P. Flint, Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1953

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property	\$ 16,398.74
Polls	298.00

Total Warrant	\$ 16,696.74
Yield Tax	976.92

Added Taxes:

National Bank Stock	15.00
Poll	4.00
Property	33.51
Interest Collected	.63

Total Debits	\$ 17,726.80
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Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property	\$ 11,716.50
Poll	212.00
National Bank Stock	15.00
Yield	612.55
Interest Collected	.63

Abatements:

Poll	14.00
Property	16.48

Uncollected taxes as per
Collector's list

Property	4,699.27
Poll	76.00
Yield	364.37

Total Credits	\$ 17,726.80
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SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1953

Property	\$	5,165.35	
Poll		76.00	
Yield		112.24	
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Added Taxes

Poll		2.00	
Interest Collected		164.20	
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Total Debits	\$	5,519.79
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CR.

Remittances to Treas., Year
ending Dec. 1, 1953:

Property	\$	5,165.35	
Poll		70.00	
Interest Collected		164.20	
Yield Tax		95.19	

Abatements:

Poll		6.00	
Yield		5.12	

Uncollected Taxes as
per Collector's list:

Poll		2.00	
Yield		11.93	
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	\$	5,519.79
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State Head Tax

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1953

Dr.

State Head Taxes to Collector

Original Warrant:	\$	900.00
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Added	20.00	
Total Commitments		\$ 920.00
Penalties		2.50
Total Debits		\$ 922.50
Cr.		
Remittances to Treas:		
Head Tax	\$ 605.00	
Penalties	2.50	
		\$ 607.50
Abatement		35.00
Uncollected		280.00
Total Credits		\$ 922.50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1952

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1953:		
Head Tax	\$ 200.00	
Added in 1953	5.00	
Penalties Collected	18.50	
		\$ 223.50

Cr.

Remittances to Treas:		
Head Tax	\$ 185.00	
Penalties	18.50	
		\$ 203.50
Abatements in 1953		15.00
Uncollected Head Tax as Per Collector's List		5.00
Total Credits		\$ 223.50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1950

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes of Jan. 1, 1952:		
Property	\$ 51.88	

Poll	8.00	
Total Debits	\$	59.88
Cr.		
Abatements During Year:		
Property	\$	51.88
Poll		8.00
Total Credits	\$	59.88

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1948

Dr.

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1953:

Property	\$	26.50	
Total Debits		\$	26.50

Cr.

Abatements during Year	\$	26.50
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SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1951

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1953:

Property	\$	136.88	
Poll		2.00	
Yield		97.57	
Costs of Tax Sale		49.95	
		\$	286.40

Less Costs of Tax Sale, misplaced in Last

Year's Report--should have been in

Remittances to Treas	49.95
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Interest Collected

\$	236.45
	3.97

Total Debits	\$	240.42
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Cr.

Remittances to Treas., Year
ending Dec. 31. 1953:

Property	\$	65.63	
Interest Collected		3.97	
Uncollected as Per Collector's List:			
Property		71.25	
Yield		97.57	
Poll		2.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 240.42

Summary of Tax Sale as of December 31, 1953

Dr.

Tax Sale on Account
1952 1951

Tax sold to Town in 1953	\$	280.43	
Bal. of Unredeemed Taxes Jan. 1, 1953			\$ 562.88
Interest Collected			12.70
Redemption Costs			1.90
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Total Debits	\$	280.43	\$ 577.48

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Remittances to Treas.	\$	182.48	\$ 200.05
Interest Collected and Costs			12.70
Unredeemed Taxes Dec. 31, 1953		97.95	364.73
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Total Credits	\$	280.43	\$ 577.48

Unredeemed Taxes from
Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

		1952	1951
Armstrong Emmett Est.	\$	97.95	\$ 87.93
Hamblen, Raleigh			125.53
Wilbut, Flora			84.52
Kressley, Eva			66.75
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	\$	97.95	\$ 364.73

ELMER P. FLINT,
Tax Collector

Itemized accounts of money drawn by H. C. Hartwell, Jr.

LABOR ON TRACTOR

H. C. Hartwell Jr., Welding	\$	21.00
H. C. Hartwell, Jr., Labor		33.00
Carl Rudenfeldt, labor		30.00
Robert Hartwell, Labor		9.00
Wesley Hartwell, Labor		7.00
John Sarsfield, Labor		29.00
H. C. Hartwell, 3rd, Labor		1.00
H. C. Hartwell, Sr., Labor		4.00
H. C. Hartwell, Jr., Telephone Call		.56
Total Amount	\$	134.56

GAS, ETC. FOR TRACTOR

Mrs. E. J. McAfee	\$	22.22
Alma Richards		23.39
Geo. L. Richardson		3.71
Total Amount	\$	49.32

SNOW REMOVAL

H. C. Hartwell, Jr.	\$	19.00
John Sarsfield		65.00
Carl Rudenfeldt		43.00
John Wirkkala		18.00
Robert Olds		18.00
Robert Hartwell		9.00
H. C. Hartwell, Sr.		10.00
Total Amount	\$	182.00

H. C. Hartwell, Sr.

PLOWING SNOW

For Year ending Dec. 31, 1953

H. Hartwell, Sr.	\$	216.00
H. C. Hartwell, Jr.		26.10
R. Hartwell		41.40
W. Hartwell		6.75
Total Amount	\$	290.25

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

John Pasonen, Agent

TOWN MAINTENANCE

John Pasonen, labor	\$	298.80
John Pasonen, man and truck		200.00
Emel Lake, labor		188.55
Edward Howard, man and tractor		175.00
Hugh Pollard, labor		7.20
Hugh Pollard, dynamiting		22.75
Stanley Loring, labor		7.20
H. C. Hartwell, Sr.		92.70
Harold Nichols		18.00
Oliver Kainu		98.10
Harold Starkey		7.20
William Thurber		28.80
Town of Unity, use of grader		204.00
James Allen		4.50

\$ 1,352.80

BRIDGE

John Pasonen, man and truck	\$	140.00
John Pasonen, labor		127.80
John Pasonen, drawing logs		5.40
John Pasonen, 3 M bridge planks		30.00
John Pasonen, 8 stringers		8.00
John Pasonen, spikes		4.20
H. B. Gallup, 3 stringers		3.00
Almon Clark		1.80
H. C. Hartwell, Sr.		1.80
Emel Lake		77.40
Clarence Whipple, hauling logs to mill		21.00
Clarence Whipple, hauling logs		12.00
George Leslie		21.60
Harold Starkey, stringers		4.00
Hugh Pollard		14.30
John Wirkkala, yarding logs		18.00
John Wirkkala, labor		7.20
John Wirkkala, drawing logs		5.40
John Pasonen, gas		6.17
Oliver Kainu		20.70

\$ 529.77

MOWING ROADSIDES

John Pasonen, mowing sand pond road	\$ 14.40
Emel Lake, cutting brush	27.00
John Pasonen, cutting brush	27.00
Edward Howard	36.00
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	\$ 104.40

SANDING

Hugh Pollard	\$ 133.20
John Pasonen, man and truck	390.00
Edward Howard	17.10
Harold Starkey	87.30
Oliver Kainu	20.10
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	\$ 647.70

SAND PILE

H. C. Hartwell, Sr. man and truck	\$ 10.80
R. Reed, man and truck	9.45
Fred Carmen, shovel	12.00
John Pasonen, labor	7.20
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	\$ 39.45

SNOW REMOVAL

John Fellows	\$ 24.00
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SNOW FENCE

John Pasonen, man and truck, taking in fence	\$ 10.00
Emel Lake, labor	3.60
John Pasonen, putting up fence	19.80
Oliver Kainu	19.80
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	\$ 53.20

GAS MONEY SPENT ON ROAD REPAIR

John Pasonen, labor cutting brush	\$ 28.80
John Pasonen, man and truck@ \$2.70	170.40
H. C. Hartwell, Sr. man and truck@ \$2.70	140.40
Almon Clark, man and truck@ \$3.90	202.80
C. Stone, man and truck@ \$3.90	81.90
R. Reed, man and truck@ \$3.90	171.60
Town of Unity, loader	260.00
Town of Unity, grader	156.00
Oliver Kainu labor	10.80
H. W. Curtis, 257 yds. gravel@ 5c	12.85
Davis and Symonds, 507 yds gravel@ 10c	50.70
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	\$ 1,286.25

TRACTOR REPAIR

John Pasonen, labor	\$ 41.40
John Wirkkala, repair road mach. & tractor	24.30
John Wirkkala, repairing road mach. parts, iron and bolts	9.00
W. H. Wirkkala, blacksmithing & furnishing scoot irons	4.50
John Wirkkala, scoot iron, drilling & Weld.	5.00
John Wirkkala, labor	23.40
John Wirkkala, putting on snow plow	3.60
John Pasonen, putting on snow plow	3.60
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	\$ 114.80

REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF TOWN ROAD AID

Apportionment		State	Town	Total
July 1	Apportionment	3,664.30	549.65	4,213.95
Oct. 30	Revert	.15		.15
Expenditures		State	Town	Balance
Jul. 1	N. H. Explos. Co.	19.82		3,644.48
Jul. 1	Town to State	549.65		4,194.13
Jul. 1	Town to State		549.65	.00
Jul. 21	W. H. Martin and son Posts	20.70		4,173.43
Sept. 25	N. E. Metal Cul. Co.	836.07		3,337.36
Oct. 5	G. L. Richardson Sept. 26	1,305.12		2,032.24
Oct. 6	Truck Sept. 26	202.00		1,830.24
Oct. 1	Bills Sept. 26	65.00		1,765.24
Oct. 8	Bills Oct. 3	96.40		1,668.84
Oct. 9	George Richardson Oct. 3	1,572.69		96.15
Oct. 15	Truck Oct. 3	96.00		.15
Oct. 30	Revert	.15		.00

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

Year ending Dec. 31, 1953

Aid to Flora Wilbur

Groceries	\$	189.54	
Oil		115.45	
Med. Care		80.35	
Electric Lights		26.61	
Misc.		35.44	
		<hr/>	\$ 447.39

Aid to Mazie Schillings

Oil	\$	31.67	
Wood		30.00	
Reimbursed		15.00	
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Total	\$	494.06
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Respectfully Submitted,
HUBERT C. HARTWELL, SR.
Overseer of Poor

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1953

TOWN OF LEMPSTER

Town funds expended	\$	199.60	
Cooperative funds expended		85.91	
Total expended	\$		285.51
Received from town		200.00	
Expended from town funds		199.60	
Balance due to town			.40
Area covered		428 acres	
Currant & gooseberry bushes destroyed		6,279	
Stamps are enclosed to cover balance due the town.			

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

December 31, 1952 to December 31, 1953

RECEIPTS

Unexpended balance Dec. 31, 1952	\$	437.15
July 11, Acworth Fire, use of truck		213.00
Aubrey Thomas, sale of truck body		20.00
Oct. Donation, Mr. Hallett		5.00
Dec. 31, 1953 Town of Lempster, Approp.		200.00
Total Receipts	\$	875.15

EXPENDITURES

May 23, Johnson's Fair, garden sprayers	\$	19.50
June 18, Horace Cragin, Insurance on Pump		5.20
June 18, Byron Richards, gas and etc.		3.95
June 18, F. S. Willey Co. Inc. Transp. hose		2.20
June 18, Gorham Fire Equip. Co. hose		95.00
June 18, George Richardson, gas		6.05
June 18, Gorham Fire Equip. Co. hose		97.27
Aug. 5, Merrimack Farmers Exchge. siding & etc.		114.78
Aug. 5, Robert Olds, bartery		21.00
Aug. 5, N. H. Fire and Safety Equip. Co. CO2 recharge		3.00

Aug.	5, George Richardson, gas	4.31
Aug.	5, Stanley Ford Sales, parts	4.37
Nov.	18, Byron Richards, gas	3.00
Nov.	18, Merrimack Farmers Exchge overhead doors	175.50
Dec.	15, Silsby and Johnson, Inc. pipe fittings	8.95
Dec.	31, Gorham Fire Equip. Co., hose	204.57
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	Total Expenditures	\$ 768.65
	Unexpended balance Dec. 31, 1953	106.50
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		\$ 875.15

HORACE M. CRAGIN, Treasurer

REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED BY TAXES

1. F. W. Grafton. This land is located in the west side of the D. C. Highway from East Lempster to Newport, adjoins land of F. A. Barton, John Pike and others said to contain 22 acres.

2. Emmett Robinson Estate. Part of the D. Hosley Land, so called. This piece of land lies on the west side of the Dartmouth college Highway leading from Goshen to East Lempster and bounded on the north by land of Charles Sabin and easterly by said highway, and contains 18 acres more or less.

3. Graves land so called. This piece of land is bounded on the north by land of Chauncey Quimby, on the east by land of Fred Booth, on the south by land of Lucius Purmort, said Rueben Morgan and on the west by land of Warren Triff, J. B. Tennant and W. K. McKellips.

4. Will A. Perkins Place. Contains about 285 acres. Bounded by Susie Hurd, W. F. Horton place, Mr. A. Johnson and F. A. Barton.

5. Frederick Drake Land. This land is situated in the southern part of the town, bounded by James Mater on the south, on the west by Jonathan Huntley, on the north by William Parker, and on the east by the highway. Contains 18 acres.

6. Charles H. Emerson. A certain tract of land situated on Lempster Mountain, bounded on the east and south by land of the Champlain Realty Co., on the west by the highway which leads from the Horton place on the Marlow Road to Sand Pond, and on the north by land of Mrs. Addie Kempton and is known as the D. Nichols lot.

7. Carey land situated and bounded as follows: Beginning at the north west corner of the Hickey lot, so called, thence easterly on the range of stone wall between Dolphus S. and Nathan George to the corner of said George land, thence easterly and southerly on the fence and stone wall built near Allen Carey's meadow, thence easterly on the range of fence now built crossing Cold River to the opposit side, thence southerly on the bank of said river to land owned by Harvey J. Huntley: thence southerly on said Huntley land to land of Joseph Metcalf, thence westerly on said Metcalf's land thence

westerly on land of Jeremiah Metcalf to land of said George, thence northerly on land of said George to the first mentioned bounds, containing 50 acres more or less.

8. T. I. Farmer Land F. C. Gordon woodlot located on west side of the Lovejoy road.

9. Harold and Margaret Jones Land located on the east side Route 10, between Henry LaFrance Property and Arthur Jones Cabins.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

RECEIPTS

School Funds:	Interest %		
Asa Way	2½ -- 3	\$	12.39
Henry Hurd	2½ -- 3		4.60
Capital Res. Fund	2½ -- 3		76.95
Income for the year 1953		\$	93.94
Unexpended Income Dec. 31, 1952			79.42
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Income and unexpended Balance		\$	173.36
Payment to Lempster School District			
Interest on School Funds			16.99
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Unexpended Income Dec. 31, 1953		\$	156.37
Cemetery Funds:	Interest %		
James G. Hosley	2½--3	\$	8.56
Charles Booth	2½--3		14.42
Duren S. Honey	2½--3		4.24
Almon Booth	2½--3		2.77
Frank B. Davis	2½--3		2.07
Leander Hill	2½--3		5.66
William J. Thissell	2½--3		5.66
Andrew J. Mitchell	2½--3		5.70
Minerva Gee	2½--3		2.07
Frank W. Huntoon	2½--3		2.77
Mina Shanks	2½--3		5.74
Charlotte Harris	2½--3		3.47
Ransom Beckwith	2½--3		28.88
John Cumberland	2½--3		5.64
Alice Bellows	2½--3		2.77
Duren S. Honey	3--3½		4.98

Arthur K. Hodman	3-31½%	3.27	
Henry Bingham	3-31½	3.27	
Fred C. Parker	3-31½	6.75	
Leonard P. Little & James J. Nichols	3-31½	3.27	
Ellen M. Hooper	3-31½	3.29	
William P. & Camilla U. Hodgman	3-31½	3.27	
Henry Huntley	3-31½	1.30	
Josie McLaughlin	3-31½	4.95	
Elvia M. Cutler	3-31½	4.00	
Frank M. Lovejoy	3-31½	2.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 40.85
Income for the year 1953		\$	141.27
Unexpended Income Dec. 31, 1952			129.55
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Income and unexpended Balance		\$	270.82
Payments for the year			
Harold B. Nichols, labor	\$	119.00	
Harold B. Nichols, use of truck		4.00	
Harold B. Nichols, lawn grass seed		.25	
Carl Rudenfeldt, sharpening lawn mower		1.25	
Service Charge at the First National Bank		.18	
		<hr/>	\$ 124.68
Unexpended Income Dec. 31, 1953		\$	146.14
Where Funds are Invested			
School Funds:			
Asa Way, Newport Savings Bank	\$	447.50	
Henry Hurd, Newport Savings Bank		166.66	
Capital Reserve Fund, Newport Savings Bank		2,800.00	
Cemetery Funds:			
James G. Hosley, Newport Savings Bank	\$	300.00	
Charles Booth, Newport Savings Bank		500.00	
Duren S. Honey, Newport Savings Bank		150.00	
Almon Booth, Newport Savings Bank		100.00	
Frank B. Davis, Newport Savings Bank		75.00	
Leander Hill, Newport Savings Bank		200.00	
William J. Thissell, Newport Savings Bank		200.00	
Andrew J. Mitchell, Newport Savings Bank		200.00	
Minerva Gee, Newport Savings Bank		75.00	
Frank W. Huntoon, Newport Savings Bank		100.00	

Mina Shanks, Newport Savings Bank	200.00
Charlotte Harris, Newport Savings Bank	125.00
Ransom Beckwith, Newport Savings Bank	1,000.00
John Cumberland, Newport Savings Bank	200.00
Alice Bellows, Newport Savings Bank	100.00
Duren S. Honey, Sugar River Savings Bank	150.00
Arthur K. Hodgman, Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00
Henry Bingham, Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00
Fred C. Parker, Sugar River Savings Bank	200.00
Leonard P. Little &	
James J. Nichols, Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00
Ellen M. Hooper, Sugar River Savings Bank	100.00
William P. &	
Camilla U. Hodgman, Sugar River Sav. Bk.	100.00
Henry Hutley, Sugar River Savings Bank	40.00
Josie McLaughlin, Sugar River Savings Bank	150.00
Elvia M. Cutler, Sugar River Savings Bank	200.00
Frank M. Lovejoy, Sugar River Savings Bank	125.00
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	\$ 8,304.16

HAROLD B. NICHOLS

CHESTER DOW

LUCIUS H. NICHOLS

Trustees of Trust Funds

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1953	\$ 14.95	
Town of Lempster, Approp.	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 64.95
Payments:		
Lillian Hartwell, Librarian	\$ 24.00	
Helen Olds, cleaning Library	11.25	
Lillian Hartwell, new drapes	7.75	
	<hr/>	43.00
		<hr/>
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1954	\$	21.95
No. of Volumes in Library	2446	
Circulation	950	

We wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation for the books donated to the Library by Charles F. Clark and Quentin L. Martin. There are a number of good mysteries in the collection, if anyone is particularly interested, we invite your patronage. The immediate need at the Library is for additional shelves. We hope to be able to purchase equipment for same.

ELSIE M. BARTON

MYRTLE HANSON

FRANCES L. WIRKKALA

Trustees

TOWN AUDITORS REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen and other officers of the Town of Lempster for 1953. I find them correct and properly vouched.

HORACE M. CRAGIN

LEMPSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT

District Officers and Personnel

Moderator
HORACE CRAGIN

Clerk
Christina Richardson

Treasurer
HAROLD B. NICHOLS

School Board Members

Chester Dow	Term Expires 1954
Margaret MacIntyre	Term Expires 1955
Dorothy Sarsfield	Term Expires 1956

Auditor
Harry Hanson

Truant Officer
James Drew

<i>Teachers</i>	
Doris Newman	East Village School
Harold Sloat	Lempster Street School

Union Clerk
Marion Bradish

Superintendent of Schools
Ralph H. Meacham

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Lempster, I herewith submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools:

The citizens of Lempster may well re-evaluate their educational system at this time. There are two teachers attempting to teach four grades each in buildings which have outlived their usefulness. They are in need of considerable repair and would still be inadequate if money and effort were spent to alter them.

The very fact that a capital reserve fund has been started indicates that citizens are aware of the need to provide better facilities. I commend you for this action. In my opinion, we cannot wait until enough money is accumulated under this plan to build a new school. We must think of the present boys and girls who need the best possible education as well as those in the future.

To provide for a new school building, I feel that it would be wise, in terms of ability, to borrow and, especially in terms of good educational planning, to combine with Goshen in the building program.

The number of pupils in the two school districts would provide two grades per teacher. This would create some competition within a grade which is educationally sound. It would help to unite the boys and girls of the two communities, and probably encourage cooperation on the part of the citizens. This is vitally important in our country today. We must plan and work together to survive. It would help to make the music, art, dramatics, physical education and hot lunch programs more effective.

I recommend that you accept the plans of the building committees, who have cooperated with the school boards, and vote to form a cooperative school district. This would provide for the selection of a committee to present final details of the building and financing. If you are still in doubt, there is opportunity to postpone or vote for other arrangements.

The "committee" and your superintendent are in agreement that the tentative building specifications are sufficient to meet our needs, and that the tax rate will not be increased beyond the ability of the taxpayers. There have been many hours spent on the problems involved, and we believe that we are asking only for the essential elements needed for a good teaching and learning environment.

I wish to commend the teachers for their efforts to provide the stimulus which encourages boys and girls to help themselves. Accepting the physical handicaps, and trying to improve educational training by taking extension courses, is difficult at best, but even more so when attempting to teach four or five grades at one time.

I especially wish to thank the members of the school board for their cooperation and support. I am especially looking forward to the job of completing a building program which will enable me to give more attention to helping teachers to teach pupils more effectively.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH H. MEACHAM
Superintendent

SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

Good health has been defined as "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and the foundation of joyous, zestful living". This is the goal for which we are striving in our school health program.

Our school health program is carried out through the cooperation of the state, the local administrative staff of the schools, the teaching personnel, the parents, the pupils and the school nurse.

Our first concern is for the physical well-being of our children. The child who has some physical defect, no matter how minor, and is not given the benefit of needed medical care, certainly cannot be the happy child we would like him to be.

Routine inspections which are conducted in every school by your school nurse serve as a screening. These inspections consist of heights, weights, general condition, appearance, vision and hearing tests. If any defect is observed, a notice is sent home to the parents of the child. These notices in no way serve a diagnostic purpose. Your school nurse reports symptoms only. A reply to the notice, by the parents, is most desirable. If no reply is made, or if the parents request the nurse's assistance, she in turn makes a home visit to determine how she may best assist the parents in obtaining care for the child.

Many organizations--federal, state, and local service organiza-

tions--stand ready to help in providing the necessary care for our children. If financial assistance is needed for eye care, service organizations such as the Rotary and Lion's Club are very generous and helpful. The Sight Conservation Program, which is sponsored by the State Department of Public Welfare, is also available. Our same service organizations are also very interested in our hearing difficulties. There again, state assistance is available through the Crippled Children's Services. If the loss of hearing is due to a congenital abnormality which may be corrected, Crippled Children's Services will authorize treatment. Funds for hearing aids are not available through this service. We are dependent upon the N. H. Hearing Society, welfare agencies and service organizations for assistance in the purchase of hearing aids

In the case of the retarded child or the child who has great difficulty in adjusting himself to school and his environment, the Child Guidance Clinic, under Dr. Philbrick, is available as a diagnostic clinic.

These are only a few of the many agencies which stand ready to assist our children whenever the need arises. They assume a share in the responsibility of keeping our children healthy, happy and well-adjusted.

The cooperation of each one of us is the important factor in the success of our health program.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each one of you for your interest and your help in carrying out this important program.

Respectfully submittd,

FLORENCE MACIVER,
School Nurse

SCHOOL BUILDING REPORT

The School Building Committee working with the members of the School Board for the past year on our School Housing problems respectively submit the following

After meeting with Mr. Paul Farnum, a representative of the State Board of Education, several contractors and architects with the aid of Mr. Meacham the Supt. of Schools, we find that the Town of Lempster is not in a position financially to build a school that will assure our students the education that they are entitled to

We feel that the best and most economical solution to our problem is by the Towns of Lempster and Goshen forming a cooperative District.

This way we find that the building cost can be greatly reduced and many benefits gained by all the grade school students including more floor space, uniform heat, more competition, two grades per teacher, better lighting and a hot lunch program plus adequate playground space and many other benefits.

Something must be done to avoid a high maintenance cost on our present building. We feel that a new school will be a good investment for both towns.

The Committee has been pleased to work on this and we hope our suggestions will be seriously considered to solve the School Housing problem for our Town.

EDW. McCULLOUGH

JOHN A WIRKKALA

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEMPSTER
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND PAYMENTS
July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1952	\$	23.91	
State Aid		2,632.62	
Local Taxation		10,500.00	
Trust Funds		15.43	
Balance of 1952 Appropriation		398.30	
Total Receipts			\$ 13,795.98

PAYMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries of District Officers			
Harry Hanson, auditor	\$	5.00	
Lois Cragin, school board		50.00	
Chester Dow, school board		30.00	
Alva Arvidson, school board		30.00	
Christina Richardson, clerk		5.00	
Harold B. Nichols, treasurer		20.00	
Horace Cragin, moderator		3.00	
			\$ 143.00
Superintendent's Salary			
(Local Share)			133.10
Tax for Statewide Supervision			144.00
Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel:			
Clerk Hire, Union Office	\$	70.00	
James Drew, Census and			
truant office		30.00	
District Books		25.00	
			\$ 125.00
Supplies and Expenses of Adm.			147.51

INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries:			
Laurence Lennon		2,122.72	
Doris Newman		1,830.82	
Collector of Internal Revenue		647.00	
Teachers Retirement System		299.30	
			\$ 4,899.84

Books and Other Instructional Aids		
Silver Burdett Company	32.71	
C. S. Hammond & Co.	7.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 40.21
Scholars' Supplies:		
Henry S. Wolkins	27.66	
Lynch's Sporting Goods	4.15	
Follett Publishing Co.	10.85	
Milton Bradley Co.	12.15	
Kimball's Inc.	6.50	
Mainco Trading Co.	109.31	
University of N. H.	1.50	
Supervisory Union No.5	5.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 177.87
Supplies & Other Expenses of Inst.		
Supervisory Union No. 5	4.00	
	<hr/>	4.00

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

Salaries of Janitors:		
Lucy Smith	\$ 95.00	
Maurice Boomhower	95.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 190.00
Fuel or Heat:		
Lucius H. Nichols	63.00	
Harold B. Nichols	97.00	
McAfee's Store	3.02	
	<hr/>	163.02
Water, Lights, Supplies & Expenses:		
Rand, Ball & King	7.29	
N. H. Electric Cooperative, Inc.	90.33	
	<hr/>	\$ 97.62

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Repairs & Replacements:		
V. H. Pollard	46.25	
Rowell Bros. Inc.	23.40	
Carl W. Rudenfeldt	61.54	
George Richardson	1.00	
Aubrey Thomas	2.00	
Norman Fletcher	15.00	
A. H. Streeter	39.25	
	<hr/>	188.44

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

Health Supervision:

Supervisory Union No. 5,
share of nurse
Supplies

168.00

3.57

171.57

Transportation:

Aubrey Thomas
Stanley Loring

1,800.00

120.00

1,920.00

High School Tuition:

Alstead School District
Newport School District

1,400.00

2,025.00

3,425.00

FIXED CHARGES

Retirement--District Share
Insurance, Treas. Bond & Expenses

299.98

13.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

New Equipment:

Cascade Paper Company

335.36

335.36

\$ 12,618.52

Balance on Hand, June 30, 1953

951.74

\$ 13,570.26

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have examined the book and accounts of the School Board of Lempster, N. H., and find them correct and properly vouched.

HARRY HANSON, Auditor

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1952, to June 30, 1953

RECEIPTS

1952		
July 1	Balance in Treasury	\$ 23.91
July 15	Elsie M. Barton, Town Treasurer	
	Balance of 1951-52 appropriation	398.30
Sept. 18	Elsie M. Barton, Town Treasurer	1,000.00
Sept. 27	Elsie M. Barton, Town Treasurer	3,000.00
Nov. 17	State Treasurer, State Aid	2,632.62
Nov. 29	Elsie M. Barton, Town Treasurer	3,000.00
Dec. 30	Trustees of Trust Funds	
	Interest on School Funds	15.43
1953		
Jan. 5	Elsie M. Barton, Town Treasurer	3,500.00
	Total Receipts during Year	\$ 13,570.26
	Less School Board orders paid	12,618.52
	Balance in Treasury, June 30, 1953	\$ 951.74

HAROLD B. NICHOLS, Treasurer

LEMPSTER PUPIL STATISTIC

1953-53

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals
East School	10	2	5	5					22
Street School					5	7	3	7	22
Totals	10	2	5	5	5	7	3	7	44

High School Tuition Pupils

1953-54

Vilas High (\$215):		Towle High (\$250):	
Laurence Boomhower	9	Judith Kieffer,	9
James Howard,	9	Dorothy Berlanger,	10
Susan Allen	10	Roger Kieffer,	11
Ronald Masury,	10	Carol Wirkkala,	11
Donald Whipple	10	Robert Wirkkala,	11
Kathryn Allen	11		
Stephen Allen,	12	Stevens High (\$260):	
Hubert Hartwell,	12	Mary E. McCullough,	9
George Whipple,	12		

FINANCIAL SUMMARY & BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEMPSTER

EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expenditures 1952-53	Estimated Expenditures 1953-54	Proposed Budget 1954-55
Administration			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 143.00	143.00	143.00
2. Supt.'s Salary (Local Share)	133.10	122.50	155.00
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	144.00	142.00	146.00
4. Salaries of Other Admin. Pers.	125.00	133.75	140.00
5. Supplies and Expenses	147.51	211.25	146.25
Instructions			
6. Prin. and Teachers' Salaries	4,899.84	5,570.00	6,100.00
7. Books & Other Instruct. Aids	40.21	179.70	150.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	177.87	200.00	200.00
9. Supplies and Other Expenses	4.00	75.00	50.00
Operation of School Plant			
10. Salaries of Janitors	190.00	300.00	250.00
11. Fuel or Heat	163.02	200.00	200.00
12. Water, Light, Supplies & Exp. Maintenance of School Plant	97.62	135.00	150.00
13. Repairs and Replacements	188.44	150.00	400.00
Auxiliary Activities			
14. Health Supervision	171.57	220.00	269.18

15. Transportation	1,920.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
16. Tuition	3,425.00	3,575.00	4,980.00
17. Special Act. & Spec. Funds		50.00	50.00
Fixed Charges			
18. Retirement	299.98	367.62	417.41
19. Insurance, Tr. Bond & Exp.	13.00	50.00	50.00
Capital Outlay			
20. New Equipment	335.36	150.00	250.00
21. Pmts. into Capital Res. Fund		1,000.00	
Total Expenditure or School Appropriation	12,618.52	15,174.82	16,446.84
Balance (Actual or Estimated)	\$ 951.74	396.43	

RECEIPTS

Balance (Actual or Estimated)			
State Aid	23.91	951.74	296.43
Trust Funds	2,632.62	5,770.23	4,459.00
Other	15.43	15.43	
		20.00	15.00
District Assessment	10,898.30	8,813.85	11,676.41
Total Appropriation	\$ 13,570.26	\$ 15,571.25	\$ 16,446.84

SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Lempster qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Union Hall in said district on the ninth day of March, 1954, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of The School Board for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
5. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
6. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
7. To hear the report of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
8. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
9. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be recieved from the state equalization fund, together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

10. To see if the school district will vote to petition the State Board of Education to become a part of a cooperative school district of the region comprising Goshen and Lempster to provide for the educational needs and services of all elementary and secondary school children.

11. If the preceding article is adopted, to see if the district will elect two representatives to serve on an Interim Committee who shall prepare a financial budget for the operation of the proposed cooperative school district, and include in the organization warrant an article calling for an appropriation for the operation of the proposed cooperative school district during the first year and such other items of business as need to be acted upon at the organization meeting.

12. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board and committee to continue to investigate present and future school needs, and pass any vote relating thereto.

13. To see if the district will vote to use capital reserve funds not in excess of \$200 for the preliminary study and sketches of a proposed school building if the school board and committee deem advisable.

14. To see if the district will vote to accept a gift of one hundred dollars (\$100) from Lempster Parents' Club to be added to the capital reserve fund.

15. To see if the district will authorize the school board to appropriate receipts from federal lunch reimbursements, tuition, gifts, and any other receipts from miscellaneous sources in addition to the original appropriation for 1954-55, for the lunch program, general expenses, equipment and improvements.

16. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1000 as a capital reserve fund for the construction, reconstruction or acquisition of school buildings and any land rights necessary, the final purpose to be determined by the district at a later meeting; said funds to be placed in the custody of the trustees of trust funds and reserved for the purpose listed herein. in accordance with the Law of 1943, Chapter 160, as amended by the Laws of 1945, Chapter 35, and of 1947, Chapter 8.

17. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Lempster this 20th day of February, 1954.

CHESTER DOW
MARGARET MACINTYRE
DOROTHY SARSFIELD
School Board

A True Copy of Warrant Attest
CHESTER DOW
MARGARET MACINTYRE
DOROTHY SARSFIELD

Births Registered in the Town of Lempster for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Birth	Name of the Child	Male or Female	Living or Stillborn	color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Feb. 11	Orson Wesley Hartwell	M	L	W	Wesley Hubert Hartwell	Marion Ellen Rudenfeldt	Lempster, N. H.	Stanford, Conn.
July 9	Richard Elmo Howard	M	L	W	Edward Lester Howard	Phyllis Bernice Starkey	Dover, N. H.	Kenneb, N. H.
July 13	Shirley Ann Whiting	F	L	W	Harold Raymond Whiting	Beverly Louise Belanger	Sandwich, N. H.	Littleton, N. H.
Oct. 1	Ronald Henry Heiser	M	L	W	Warren T. Heiser	Gloria Jean Willard	New York	Massachusetts
Oct. 11	Jane Myrtie Starkey	F	L	W	Harold Elmo Starkey	Myrtie Helen Rollis	Kenneb, N. H.	Cornish, N. H.
Nov. 4	Melissa Lynn Malool	F	L	W	Roy Miller Malool	Margot Alice Lindholm	Teaneck, N. J.	Pargas, Finland
Nov. 7	Martha Avis Whipple	F	L	W	Perley Arthur Whipple	Avis Harriet Crowell	New Hampshire	New Hampshire

Deaths Registered in the Town of Lempster for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	AGE		Place of Birth	Color		Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months		Male or Female	Single, Married or Widowed			
April 4	Lempster	Minnie Bertha Flint	73	23	Connecticut	F	M	Housewife	James M. Corey	Mary J. Nichols
April 6	Claremont	Mortimer C. Twilliger	53	11	Ansonia, Conn.	M	M	Salesman	Not Available	Not Available
April 24	Unity	Chester B. Wheeler	83	11	Lempster	M	M	Laborer	John Wheeler	Lovena Currier
May 12	White Plains	Rosa M. Schreck	78	1	New York, N. Y.	F	S		William Booth	Fannie Belcher
June 7	Concord	Fred E. Booth, Sr.	88	5	New York	M	M	Caprenter	Frank Simons	Josephine, p
June 13	Lempster	Walter Frank Simons	68		Vermont	M	M	Farmer	Carl L. Wilson	Ruth H. Page
Oct. 3	Lempster	Russell C. Wilson	6		Springfield, Vt.	M	S	Student		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Lempster for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date 1953	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age	Place of Birth of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Name of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
July 25	Newport, N. H.	Harry Elmer Frye	33	New Hampshire	Painter Mach. Shop	Harry B. Frye Ruth Barton	Robert J. MacLeod, Minister So. Congregational Church Newport, N. H.
Aug. 16	Newport, N. H.	Clarice Harriet Fryer Lucius H. Nichols, Jr.	31 33	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Nurse Air Force	Charles H. Fryer Altha M. E. Wright Lucius H. Nichols Beatrice M. Harris	Robert J. MacLeod, Minister 58 So. Main Street Newport, N. H.
Sept. 27	Brattleboro, Vt.	Priscilla Mae Hurd Robert Emery Olds	21 38	New Hampshire Surry, Me.	Saleslady Machinist	Ernest F. Hurd Maxine M. Boutwell Marshall Olds Carol Hooper	Robert J. Harding Clergyman Congregational Christian Brattleboro, Vt.
Nov. 28	Claremont	Helen May Hodskins Werner Edw. Rudenfeldt Geraldine Anne LeMere	40 24 17	Claremont, N. H. Connecticut New Hampshire	Housework Machinist Telephone Operator	Gertie E. Franklin Carl W. Rudenfeldt Ada E. I. Swanson Levi A. LeMere Dorothy Smith	Louis C. Reed Clergyman Union Church West Claremont, N. H.

